



Penn Township

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

OUR 2020 VISION



Exemplary
Leadership

Continued
Preservation



Community
Connection





"Penn Township - A great place to live, work, and retire!"

VISION STATEMENT

"To provide a healthy, vibrant, affordable, economically successful, progressive community where citizens feel safe, enjoy their neighborhoods and access to their local government and have a great place to live, work and raise their families or retire."

MISSION STATEMENT

"To facilitate the health, safety and well-being of the Penn Township community by providing residents, visitors and the business community with the highest quality of municipal leadership, municipal service and strategic, sustainable, effective and visionary planning in order to enhance the quality of life for all."

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Curtis Mason,**
CHAIRMAN/SUPERVISOR
- Victor Mantegna,** VICE CHAIR
- Laura Sperratore,** SUPERVISOR
- Jay Ennis,** SUPERVISOR
- William "Radar" O'Connell,**
SUPERVISOR

Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month (except July) at 6:00pm
Work Sessions are held on the third Wednesday of January-April, September, and October at 6:00PM.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON:
Supervisor Jay Ennis
- MEMBERS:
**Scott Steele, Larry Waltman,
Kathy Wandersee, Patricia Horrocks, Robert E. Davis,
Margaret Emerson, Raymond J. Mackey, Patricia Moidel**

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Scott Steele,** CHAIR
- Ralph Churchill,** VICE CHAIR
- J. Dennis Newbold,** SECRETARY
- Bill Wells,** MEMBER
- Bruce Van Kleeck,** MEMBER

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TOWNSHIP ENGINEER,
Dennis O'Neill
ADMIN ASSISTANT, **Jennah Bessick**

Red Rose Inn Update



Shown in front of the "One Red Rose Exchange" mural, from left, Supervisor Jay Ennis, Historical Commission members Ray Mackey, Patricia Moidel, Kathy Wandersee, Bob Davis, Peg Emerson and Pat Horrocks (missing are Scott Steele and Larry Waltman).

The Red Rose Inn is looking good—both inside and outside. Over the past year, there have been many skilled workman finishing the walls, floors and doors. Colonial style hardware and lighting was installed. The Inn has regained its charm in preparation for a display of Penn Township History in 2020.

The Historical Commission has been active in the Inn's restoration, but primarily it has been led by Supervisor Jay Ennis and Historical Commission members Bob Davis, Scott Steele and Raymond Mackey. Currently, a porch has been added to the back to accommodate handicapped access requirements.

One of the highlights of the restoration process has been the return of the William Penn Mural to the wall of the Red Rose Inn. Many will remember the mural depicting William Penn receiving the symbolic Red Rose as "rent" from the occupants of the Inn in the 18th century. It was painted on a 18' by 6' canvas by Maryland Artist John Moll in the 1960s and "glued" to the wall in the main dining room of the Red Rose.

When the Township purchased the Inn, Supervisor Curtis Mason carefully removed the canvas, rolled it, and stored it in the Township Building. This past summer, London Grove Framing was asked to mount the canvas for reinstallation in the Inn. They did a beautiful job with a structural frame.

The next challenge was to find a vehicle large enough to transport the newly framed mural back to the Inn for installation. A 20' produce truck, generously provided by Yates Produce of Penn Township, proved to be the right size and the newly mounted mural was carefully loaded and unloaded at the Inn. Luckily, it was a straight line from the front door to the room in which it was to be installed. And again, luckily (and with prior planning) the wall on which it was hung was the perfect size—with inches to spare!

Look forward to more information about the upcoming Penn Township History display.

Seeking Penn/Chester County Artifacts

The Historical Commission seeks, for donation or simply loan, Penn Township or Chester County regional historical artifacts for display in the Red Rose Inn. Be a part of preserving our regional history and sharing it with new generations. Please contact the Historical Commission via office@penntownship.us or by phone at 610-869-9620.

2019 State of the Township



For presentation to the Public at the Penn Township Board of Supervisors Meeting, December, 2019

by Board of Supervisors' Chair Curtis A. Mason, Sr.

It is once again my pleasure to share news of our Township. This is my 22nd year of service to Penn Township, a great place to live, work, and retire. I am pleased to say, in this our Bicentennial year, **“the state of our township remains strong”**.

Since becoming Board Chair in 1997, our population has more than doubled, growing from 2800 residents to over 6,000. In 22 years, I am proud to write, we have had **no tax increases**. As you know, a strong vision and good business plan are necessary to get where you want to go. I am pleased we, as a Board, have made solid decisions for our citizens to keep our taxes low and to attract smart, sustainable development to create a solid future for Penn Township, and to support our school district and county as well. While townships and boroughs all over our region have struggled, our 22 years of smart and sustainable community development had helped us to thrive and become a leader and provider for all Southern Chester County.

For the past 22 years, our Board of Supervisors have made it their priority to support local business, health and wellness services and age restricted housing. These choices have provided a desperately needed tax base for our Avon Grove School District without adding students to the school system. We are the proud home to the Jennersville Hospital/Tower Health, Penn Medical Center, Chester County Technical College High School, Delaware County Community College, Jennersville YMCA, the BEST medic service in Pennsylvania – Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services (MEDIC 94), Dansko, Miller Edge, Project CURE, Shoppes of Jenner's Village, Jenner's Commons, and more, all providing health, safety, and JOBS to our community. We have invested in our community with two parks – one passive and one under development that will be an active park – thus keeping a promise made in our comprehensive plan to provide for open space and recreation for the region.

Our accomplishments for 2019 include:

- No tax increases.
- Finalized a two-year zoning update process by adopting new zoning ordinances, zoning map and public water overlay map for the first time in 20 years.
- Undertook major road and stormwater infrastructure repairs, township wide, as a result of two years of heavy rain and pipeline installation. State, Woodcrest and Baker Roads and Ewing Drive all received major facelifts this year.
- Continued progress on the Red Rose Inn, saved from foreclosure, which is now in the final stages of renovation with new porch, shutters, roof, repointed brick, HVAC system, courtyard, and a cleaned-up interior. This is an investment in both our past and our future as we preserve this local treasure for future generations is now being filled with our township's historical treasures by our dedicated Historical Commission members.

Penn Township, Chester County

- Turned a “good faith” promise for \$800,000 in intersection improvements as PennDOT’s first HOP project into a signed agreement, saving hundreds of thousands of local dollars while promoting the health, safety and welfare of our community. Awarded an additional \$276,000 grant toward intersection improvements and a \$48,000 grant for traffic signal improvements have resulted in a \$2 million upgrade to our Red Rose Intersection. Our failing intersection now gets an “A” as travelers have safe and swift passage through our town center.
- Established our first trail and handicapped parking lot at our Penn Township Sports Park. Met with local sports leagues for input.
- Added value for our residents by offering discounted tickets through the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS). Among the venues offered, PA ski areas, Adventure Aquarium and Baltimore Aquarium, Franklin Institute, Dutch Wonderland, and more. 5% of the ticket sales go to the Township’s park and recreation fund.
- Continued our support for AGREM’s radio station AM1670 to keep us safe and provided full requested financial or other requested support for our West Grove Fire and Ambulance, Medic 94, Avon Grove Library, TMACC and ChescoBus, Avon Grove High School Post-Prom, The PA State Police, and Camp Cadet Board of Directors and Sunny Day Camp.
- Offered many successful FREE events to serve our community better including TWO Shredding and Drug Takeback events – over 16,000 pounds of paper were shredded, Summer concert series, 15th Annual Picnic and Health and Wellness Fair, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Spooky Seek and Find, Expanded Avon Grove Library Programming with Teddy Bear Picnics, Yoga Story Time, and Movie Nights, Expanded Medic 94 programming including Car Seat checks, health walks, Free CPR classes, babysitting classes, and Matter of Balance classes, Summer programs for children in the park including Zoo Day, the Chesapeake Mermaid and Mini-Medic Camp with West Grove Fire and Ambulance and Medic 94, Santa’s Workshop and Sunny Day Camp (Penn Township is the permanent home to Sunny Day Camp).
- Welcomed new businesses for 2019 including Dunkin Donuts, Big Elk senior housing development, PJ Mullin State Farm, and Snap Fitness.
- Enjoyed the continued expansion of Tower Health – Jennersville and Penn Medicine – Southern Chester County providing health services for our region.
- Added our “Book Nook” children’s reading room at the park playground. The “Book Nook” features over 1,000 books, 100% donated by our community, in the Township’s first “Give a book, take a book” location.
- Continued to develop and implement new policies and procedures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

I and our Board of Supervisors and Staff look forward to our bright future as a thriving township and look forward to serving you in 2020!

Respectfully,

Curtis A. Mason, Sr., Board Chair

Changing of the Guard



The first Monday in January is the day mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that governments must reorganize. This year that meant a changing of the guard as Supervisor Ken Bryson stepped down and newly elected Supervisor Laura Sperratore took her place at the Supervisors' table.

Shown, above center, at the last meeting of 2019, Board Chair Curtis Mason presented Bryson with a personalized gift to thank him for his six years of service. Bryson also served in 2019 as Road Master for the township.

Longtime Board Vice Chair Victor Mantegna and Sperratore were sworn in by the Honorable Matthew Seavey, Magisterial District Judge, prior to the start of the Jan. 6 Reorganization meeting. Mason held the Bible for Mantegna, shown above left. Sperratore's husband, Mark, held the family Bible as she took her oath of office, pictured above right.

After, the Reorganization meeting officially convened and officers were selected for 2020. Mason was reappointed Chair as he begins his 23rd year on the Board. Mantegna was reappointed Vice Chair as he begins his 19th year on the Board. The Board went on to reappoint staff, professionals, commissions and boards, and adopted all of the ordinances and resolutions on record as of Dec. 31, 2019 by resolution.



Penn Township Supervisors 2019 - From left, Supervisors Bill "Radar" O'Connell, Jay Ennis, Board Chair Curtis Mason, Sr. , Supervisor Ken Bryson, and Vice Chair Victor Mantegna



Penn Township's 2020 Board of Supervisors - from left, Vice Chair Victor Mantegna, Supervisor Jay Ennis, Supervisor Laura Sperratore, Supervisor Bill "Radar" O'Connell, and Board Chair Curtis Mason.

Meet the Board

The Supervisors' Board for 2020 is politically diverse including one Democrat, Mantegna, and four Republicans. Sperratore is the second woman elected as Supervisor in Penn Township history. In addition to the length of service of Mantegna and Mason, both Supervisors Jay Ennis and Bill O'Connell contribute four years of service each in their roles on the Board. Penn Township Supervisors serve six year terms.



BOARD CHAIR CURTIS MASON, SR.

– local businessman, has served since 1997 on the Board and prior to that on the township Planning Commission. In addition to his role as Board Chair, he serves as the Solicitor Liaison and Water and Sewer Liaison and also sits on the Board of the Jenersville Hospital. His term expires in 2023.

VICE CHAIR VICTOR MANTEGNA

– electrician, has served since 2001 on the Board and prior to that many years on the Planning Commission. In addition to his role as Vice Chair, he serves as the Recreation Committee and Board of Appeals Liaison. His term expires in 2025.

SUPERVISOR JAY ENNIS

– local contractor, has served on the Board since 2015. He is the Historical Commission liaison and has been overseeing the work on the Red Rose along with members of the Historical Commission Scott Steele, Bob Davis, Ray Mackey and Kathy Wandersee. His term expires in 2021.

SUPERVISOR BILL “RADAR” O’CONNELL

– Supervisor O’Connell has a long history in municipal government as both employee and elected official and volunteer fireman and brings a wealth of experience and information to the table. He has served on the Penn Supervisors since 2015. He serves as the Emergency Services and Park liaison and also sits on the Board of Directors of Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, “Medic 94”. His term expires in 2021.

SUPERVISOR LAURA SPERRATORE

– local business owner, Supervisor Sperratore is new to the Board. She will serve as Recreation Committee, Agricultural Areas Advisory Committee, and Planning Commission liaison. Her term expires in 2025.

Avon Grove Library Plans Winter Programs for All Ages and Interests

West Grove, Pa., January 6, 2020 – From daily storytimes and special event programming to a teen service club, book clubs for adults, and crafting sessions for all ages, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment this winter. The website www.avongrovelibrary.org and the Avon Grove Library Facebook and Instagram will have updates and additions when necessary.

Children's and Family Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend **storytimes** held every weekday at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome.
- **Toddler Storytimes** are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytimes** are held every Monday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. Avon Grove Library is excited to begin offering a weekly **Afternoon Preschool Storytime** on Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
- **Bilingual Storytime** is held Mondays at 10 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to hear stories and songs in both English and Spanish. The session also includes a craft and open playtime. This storytime is open to all ages and no previous experience with Spanish or English is necessary.
- **Storytime at Treetops Kitty Café** is held the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and includes stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats that are up for adoption. Treetops Kitty Café is located at 305 State Street, Kennett Square. Registration and a fee are required. To register and for more information, visit www.treetopskittycafe.com.
- **Big Yellow Mug Storytime** will be held in the coffeehouse at the Christian Life Center located at 125 Saginaw Rd, Lincoln University, the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
- Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks**, held every Thursday at 1 p.m.
- In partnership with The Light Within Yoga Studio, Avon Grove Library offers **Yoga Storytime** on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Penn Township Park from 1–2 p.m. Caretakers and children of all ages are invited to listen to stories, learn the basics of yoga and enjoy a calming craft together. Participants should bring their own yoga mats or towels.
- On the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, slots are available for a 10-minute session reading aloud to our **Paws for Reading** canine partners. All ages are welcome. Registration is necessary for this free program.
- On the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., visitors can build setups with tracks, buildings and accessories using the library's collection of **GeoTrax Trains**. Children of all ages are welcome.
- **Lego Club** is held the first and third Thursday of each month 4:30–5:30 p.m.
- **Books and Breakfast** is held the second Saturday of every month 10 – 11:30 a.m. Families can come enjoy themed stories, fun crafts, a delicious pancake breakfast, and more.
- On Saturday February 8 from 1–2 p.m., people of all ages are invited to a **Valentine's Day Card Making** program to make letters and cards for the residents of a local nursing home.
- **Bookworms**, a book club for homeschooled students grades 3–6, will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and meet together to discuss the monthly title, which can be found at www.avongrovelibrary.org.
- Beginning on Wednesday February 8, homeschooled students of all ages are invited to a **Homeschool Crafting Club** on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Teen Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

- **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday from 3:30–5 p.m. Teens can accrue volunteer service hours by preparing storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library.

- Avon Grove Library will host a **Palentine's Day Party** on Friday February 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. Students in grades 6 – 12 are invited to join their pals at the library to celebrate friendship with snacks, crafts, and games.
- On Saturday, February 15 from 1–4:30 p.m., Avon Grove Library is partnering with The Princeton Review to provide a **Free SAT Practice Test** held at Avon Grove Library. Seating for this program is limited. Participants should plan to arrive in the Community Meeting Room by 12:45 pm, as the test starts at 1:00. Participants should be sure to bring two sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator.

Adult Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):



- **The Write Stuff** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6–7:30 p.m. This workshop is designed for adult writers of all genres and experience levels to brainstorm ideas, provide feedback, and build relationships with fellow writers.
- **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the first and second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants bring their own favorite project (painting, sewing, scrapbooking, etc.) and enjoy the company of other adults while crafting.
- The **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Patrons 18 years and older read a book from the YA genre and discuss it with their fellow Young Adults at heart. Monthly titles can be found at www.avongrovelibrary.org.
- Avon Grove Library's **Book Club for Adults** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants vote on the titles to read and gather monthly for lively conversation. Monthly titles can be found at www.avongrovelibrary.org.
- **Sit and Knit** is held on the first and third Monday of each month 3–4:30 p.m. Participants of any experience level should bring a project they are working on to learn tips and share ideas with other knitters. This program is also intended for crochet and embroidery crafters. All adults and children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

Intersection Complete!

It seemed a sure thing that the intersection of Route 796 and West Baltimore Pike, locally known as the Red Rose Intersection, would forever be a complaint staple on social media message boards. Alas, it is no more.

In December 2019, the intersection was finally deemed complete. Featuring new expanded turn lanes and traffic signals, the intersection, designed by McMahon Associates, functions as never before.

"We knew this project was a key component to providing for the health, safety, and welfare of our community, which is why we pushed for years to get it done," said Penn Supervisors' Chair Curtis Mason, Sr.

The project which cost \$2.2 million was funded by a PennDOT grant, a Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development Multi-Modal grant, an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) grant, and township funds. Not only did the project address capacity and signal issues at the intersection, but it also improved the ability for emergency vehicles to expeditiously navigate it.



Penn Township Events 2020



Get ready for another exciting year here in Penn Township as we will once again host several community events in Penn Township Park. Our hope is that these events bring a sense of nostalgia to adults and fun experiences for children. We hope that families of all different ages and backgrounds can come and make priceless memories together. This is our way of giving back to the community in a positive way.

Last year we hosted over fourteen community events here at Penn Park; concerts, movies, shredding events, kid's activities, health fairs and even a job fair. We try to appeal to all age groups. Some of 2019's event highlights included; expanding our Senior Health & Fitness Day, a morning focused entirely on the health, safety and welfare of our senior community. This May you can expect to once again find a bigger and better event. Last year, we also continued our partnership with the Avon Grove Library to bring you the Outdoor Summer Movie Series in Penn Township Park, showing films like *The Little Mermaid*, *Jurassic Park* and *Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse*. We improved the evening with adding food trucks, ice cream, face painting and popcorn. You can look forward to watching movies under the stars again this coming summer as we will be offering these community movie nights on the third Friday of June, July and August at 7 p.m. Another highlight to the year was hosting our fifteenth annual Health & Wellness Community Picnic along with Jennersville Hospital/Tower Health. We are very proud to announce that last year's picnic was one of our most successful ones to date! With contributions made from our community we were able to bring more entertainment, more vendors, and more fun! Jennersville Hospital/Tower Health set up a fantastic health & wellness tent showcasing their departments and new changes to the hospital. We had a fantastic vendor display with over 50 vendors tents set up. Of course it wouldn't be a Penn Township picnic if Elvis wasn't in the building. Jesse Garron's Elvis Tribute was once again a huge hit.

2020 events are being planned as we speak. You'll find our tentative event schedule listed but with it being so early in the year, we know events and dates will change. To stay up to date with events and all things Penn Township, we encourage you to check out our Facebook page, Penn Township, Chester County, PA. We regularly post news, alerts and event information there. However, starting sometime in February the new Penn Township website will include an e-subscribe button. You'll be able to log on and register your email address. We'll be using the e-subscribe to send breaking news, Township alerts, event information, meeting notices and more! The new website is tentatively scheduled to go live in the first week of February. Be sure to check it out!

Without further ado, we are pleased to present Penn Township's tentative 2020 event schedule! Anyone wishing to inquire about events may contact Caitlin Ianni at cianni@penntownship.us



2020 Tentative Event Schedule

All events are being held at either Penn Township Park or the Finnen Community Room.
Both locations can be found at 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390

Job Fair at Penn Township.....Saturday, February 8, 2020 @ 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a job fair in the Finnen Community Room! Come meet local potential employers. No registration required. Any local business that is hiring and wishes to set up a table can contact jennah.bessicks@penn township.us for information.

Spring Shred It Event.....Saturday, May 9, 2020 @ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is a free shredding event which also features medication disposal and electronic recycling.

Senior Health & Fitness Day.....Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Come celebrate National Senior Health & Fitness Day at Penn Township. Stop by for a free healthy breakfast and a cup of coffee. Stay for a meet and greet with local businesses and vendors.

Summer Concert.....Sunday, July 12, 2020

Event details to come.

Outdoor Summer Movie Series.....Friday, June 19 • Friday, July 17 • Friday, August 21, 2020

The Avon Grove Library and Penn Township are joining forces once again to bring you family movie night. Enjoy a night under the stars, bring your blankets, chairs and bug spray. Food trucks, ice cream, yard games and more will begin at 7 p.m. The movie will begin at sundown, between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Summer Fun Days.....Thursday, June 18 • Thursday, July 16 • Thursday, August 13, 2020

Join us at 10 a.m. for a free scheduled children’s activity. Depending on the weather and activity type these activities will be held in either the community room or the park pavilion. Activities will be announced soon via Facebook and our website.

Sunset Park Day.....Sunday, August 9, 2020 @ 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Join us for a free, fun family event honoring Sunset Park and the Waltman family.

16th Annual Health & Wellness Community Picnic.....Saturday, September 19, 2020

Free, family event featuring food, music and fun. Rain Date is Sunday, September 20, 2020

Spooky Seek & Find Halloween Event.....Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Our annual Halloween event featuring a Halloween egg hunt, trunk or treat, music & more.

Fall Shred It Event.....Saturday, November 7, 2020 @ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is a free shredding event which also features medication disposal and electronic recycling.

Santa’s Workshop at Penn Township.....Sunday, December 6, 2020 @ 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Santa Claus is stopping by Penn Township!

Look out for these other events being hosted this year!

Go Bald with St. Baldrick’s.....May 3, 2020

We were honored to be asked to host this year’s Go Bald for St. Baldrick’s event. This is a Chester County event run by local first responders. This event raises money for childhood cancer research. Volunteer and participants are needed for this event! Learn more about it on their Facebook page St. Baldrick’s Chester County.

Mini Medic Camp.....Summer 2020

Medic 94 will host their Mini Medic Camp at Penn Township again this year. This camp is a life saver...literally! Medic 94 teaches children CPR basics, first aid, stop the bleed and more! Keep an eye out for more details. Registration is required.

Sunny Day Camp.....Fall 2020

The Pennsylvania State Police will host their annual day camp for children and adults with special needs in Penn Township Park again this year.

Babysitter Certification Classes.....TBD

Medic 94 will host several babysitter certification classes in the community room throughout the year.

CPR Classes.....TBD

Medic 94 will host several CPR classes in the community room throughout the year.

Penn Park and Facilities Rentals

Penn Township Park is open daily from sun up to sun down. Our beautiful park features over one mile of walking trails, a playground, Veteran's Memorial garden, charcoal grills, fire pit, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, adult fitness park, butterfly garden, putting green, and new this year, the Penn Book Nook. Alcohol, dogs, bicycles, and skateboards are not permitted in the park. The park is not used for organized sports.



The pavilion, gazebos, fire pit, and the community room are all available to rent. Anyone is allowed to rent our facilities, but Penn Township residents receive a discount. We do not rent our facilities for fundraisers, soliciting purposes or public political functions unless you have written permission from the Board of Supervisors. Please check our website at www.penntownship.us or contact the office for details or to reserve your date.

If you have rented one of our facilities before please be aware that as of December 2019 our **rental prices and our **rental agreements** have been **updated**. Be sure to read through the new agreements so you can note the changes.**

COMMUNITY ROOM: The Finnen Community Room accommodates 84 people and has a kitchen and fireplace. All community room rentals are four hour rentals. Your four hours includes your set up and break down time. If you would like an extra hour, you may request it for an additional cost.



PAVILION: 44' x 60' 12 tables under roof, grills outside pavilion, seats approximately 100 people.

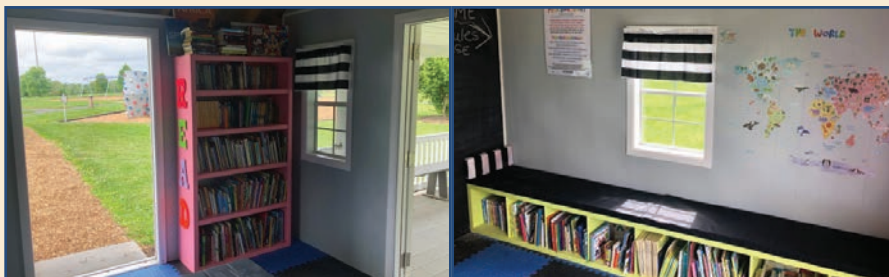
GAZEBOS: 2 white 28' Hexagonal & 2 white 12' x 24' Rectangular Gazebos, each seat approximately 20 people.



Rentals for the Finnen Community Room & Penn Park Pavilion require a security guard to be present throughout the duration of your rental time. Bathrooms are only open during your designated rental time when security guard is present. Please see the rental agreement for more rules and regulations when renting our facilities.

PENN BOOK NOOK: Last summer we officially opened the Penn Book Nook in Penn Township Park. The Book Nook is outfitted with book shelves, chalk board wall, a reading bench, a mini picnic table and tons of books donated by our amazing community. Books can be taken home or read in the park. Our hope is that with convenient access to free books, it will encourage more reading time for children and adults. The Book Nook is closed for the winter but it will reopen this spring. We are hoping to bring you more consistent "open" hours this year. We are also seeking volunteers who would like to be "librarians" for the Book Nook.

Duties would include opening, closing and supervising the Book Nook. Volunteers would need to pass a background check. Anyone who may be interested should send a letter of interest to office@penntownship.us



Penn Township Active Sports park

There has been a lot of interest and speculation regarding the Penn Township active sports park which is under development. Here are the facts.



In 2016, the Penn Township Supervisors purchased 43 acres of commercially zoned property from Star Roses for \$1.4 million. Penn Township was successful in obtaining acquisition grants in the amount of \$1,086,000.00 from Chester County Open Space and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR) and the US Department of Interior's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The total cost of the land acquisition to the Township was \$314,000.00. The reasons for the purchase were:

1. Both the county's Landscapes2 Comprehensive Plan and the Penn Township Comprehensive Plan of 2010 included a promise of developing a park for active recreation for the community at large.
2. The Supervisors, after the development of the Township's passive park, determined a need and a tentative plan for an active park as a result of a 2015 Active Park Planning process which included public hearings. That planning process and plan are being amended for this new site.
3. The Supervisors saw an opportunity to preserve prime commercial property development in an already busy area.

Current status:

The 43-acre parcel has been deed-restricted in perpetuity as open space to satisfy the funding requirements of the acquisition grants. We have recently installed a driveway, handicapped parking lot and initial trail. We were required to begin development by the end of 2019, also a funding requirement. Currently, the design features trails, multi-purpose fields, three (3) Baseball Fields – Youth Softball, two (2) Multi-Purpose Flat Fields – Regulation Soccer, one (1) Multi-Purpose Flat Fields – Regulation Lacrosse, one (1) Multi-Purpose Flat Fields – Regulation Football, four (4) Pickle Ball Courts, two (2) Hard Surface Courts W/ Sideboards for Hockey or Basketball, tot lot areas, gazebos, perimeter hard surface trails, 280 parking spaces, and maintenance building.

Township Engineer Dennis O'Neill, MacCombie Engineering, and Karen Versuk, Director of Operations, along with the township's Recreation Committee, are working on amending the plan designed in 2015. As a part of that process, they have discussed the park with the Board of Supervisors, held meetings with local sports teams, and today, are presenting to the public for additional comments. The design is not yet complete. Among the issues to be addressed are the property access. The site does not extend to Ewing Road, but rather stops short of the Star Structure and constitutes half of Star Roses' original parcel. They retained ownership of the Star Structure and land along Ewing Road. **The Township has no easement to Ewing Road at this time.** The Supervisors and Versuk have approached PennDOT to consider the park site access as part of their planning process for the Route 1 corridor upgrade which will affect the Jennersville interchange, bridge and on and off ramps as well as Route 1 itself in Penn Township.

O'Neill and Versuk met with PA Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR) in December to discuss our development grant application which has a submission date of April 22, 2020. They are gathering letters of support from the community, state and federal legislators and sports teams for the grant application.



Keep It Clean for a Healthy Stream:

AGIS Students Raise Awareness for Stormwater Management

On November 6th, 2019, the winners of Penn Township's Storm Drain Art Contest gathered to paint their winning drawing on one of the select stormwater management facilities located throughout the township. Five students from Stacey Hallman's art class at Avon Grove Intermediate School braved the cold weather to come out and paint the creative design of their fellow classmate, Riley Clarke-Young. These enthusiastic students have helped raise awareness for stormwater management, an important environmental concern that affects Chester County.

Penn Township is mandated to keep storm water free of toxins and pollutants that can harm our waterways, wildlife, and quality of life. In developed areas, when stormwater cannot naturally absorb into the ground, it runs rapidly into storm drains, sewer systems, and drainage ditches. This results in infrastructure damage, downstream flooding, erosion, and many other problems that are damaging to our environment and livelihood. By painting this storm drain, these amazing students have educated the public on a topic that is so vital to the future of Chester County. Penn Township has shined a light on the stormwater facilities that make our community a safe and healthy place to live.

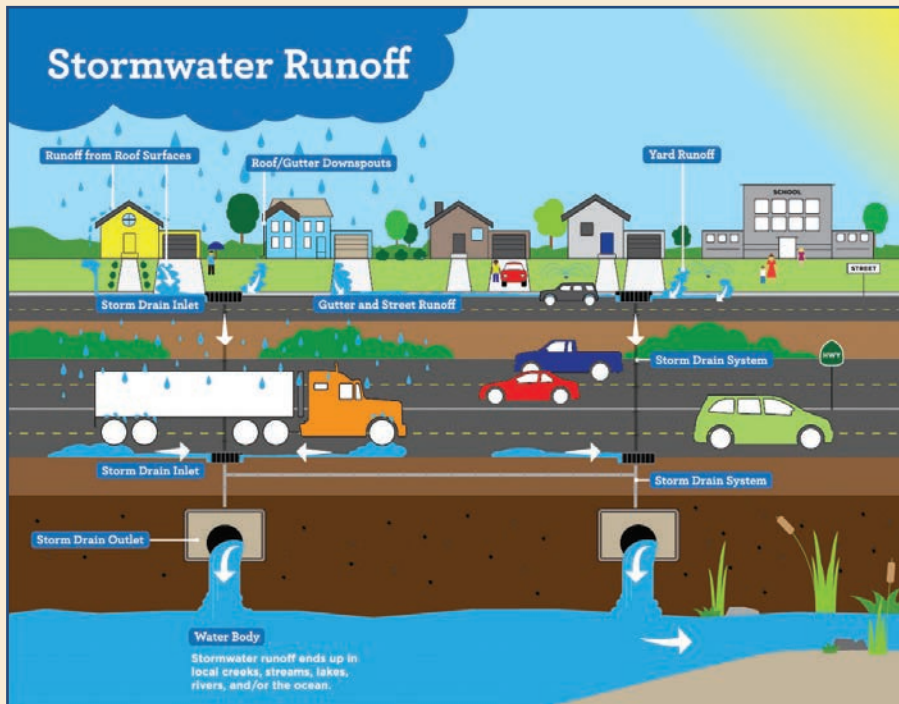
Congratulations and thank you to left to right, Kayleigh DiEmidio, Mackenzie Dunlap, Reese Dunlap, Riley Clarke-Young, Graydon Hallman, and teachers Stacey Hallman and Colette Kemmerling.



Stormwater Management

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is rain water and melted snow that runs off streets, lawns, farms, and construction or industrial sites. Under natural conditions, stormwater is absorbed into the ground, where it is filtered and ultimately replenishes aquifers or slowly flows through forests into streams and rivers. However, in developed areas, impervious surfaces such as pavement and building roofs prevent precipitation from soaking into the ground. Instead, the water runs rapidly into storm drains, sewer systems, and drainage ditches. The rush of stormwater discharge can cause infrastructure damage, downstream flooding, and stream bank erosion. Also, the bacteria and other pollutants not filtered from stormwater can contaminate streams, rivers, and coastal waters.



Things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways and sidewalks
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in the yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for various leaks; recycle motor oil
- Have your septic tank pumped regularly
- Clean up after your pet

It is **ILLEGAL** to dump grass clippings, pool water, used motor oil, or anything else down storm drains. They are intended for stormwater only and they drain into streams.



Prepare for the Storm – Help the Fire Company in an Emergency

As our area prepares for winter, here are a few important things you can do to be ready for an emergency in your neighborhood:

HELP US FIND YOU: We can't find your house if you have an EMS or fire emergency if your house number is obscured by snow or ice. If your house number is on your mailbox, make sure it is clear of snow. Especially at night, finding the right house may make the difference in how fast we can respond (BTW, this applies in good weather too -- big numbers, in a lighted area, assures a fast response...and if your house is back from the road, post a house number with reflective numbers in sight of the road).

CLEAR THOSE FIRE HYDRANTS: If your neighborhood has fire hydrants, clear snow away from them, and help yourself and your neighbors. If there is a fire, those hydrants are needed in a hurry, and are often buried by snow plows. Take a few minutes and clear around them and help us save lives.



BE CAREFUL WITH GENERATORS: With high winds and wet snow, this storm can be one where there is loss of power. Too often homeowners will place a generator in a garage, or near the house. Exhaust from generators can seep into a home and kill. NEVER run a portable generator inside your home or garage. For safety tips, see this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swT82Tk6zGY>

Be careful out there!



Chimney and Home Heating Safety Tips

Winter can certainly make its presence felt here in beautiful Southern Chester County. Each year the West Grove Fire Company responds to several home heating-related incidents ranging from chimney fires to furnace malfunctions to gas odors and leaks. According to the National Fire Protection Association: Nearly half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January & February. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths.

The following are tips and links to sound advice you can follow to keep your home safe.

- Never use a barbecue indoors to cook or provide heat.
- Never use a barbecue in a garage to cook or provide heat, even with the door open.
- Never use a stove (gas or electric) to heat a home
- Chimneys and home heating units should be inspected and cleaned annually
- Never plug a portable heater into an extension cord
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month and change the batteries twice a year.
- If you use your chimney often, get it professionally cleaned and inspected at least once per year.



Keep Your Doors Closed at Night!!!! A New Must-Learn Fire Safety Imperative

The West Grove Fire Company urges all persons, families, parents -- everyone -- to learn about a new fire safety imperative that can literally save lives.

For years, we have been teaching children and adults about smoke detectors, carbon monoxide dangers, home emergency evacuation plans, and the tried-and-true "stop, drop and roll" technique.

Now it's time to learn about "Close Your Doors," a national campaign launched by the Underwriters Laboratory under the #CloseBeforeYouDoze slogan. The campaign is simple -- helping people understand why it is so important to close bedroom doors while sleeping.

Closed doors provide a life-saving barrier from smoke and heat should your house catch on fire. Yet many families leave bedroom doors open - especially doors on children's' rooms -- based on old habits and dated safety concerns. New research by the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute provides proof that a closed door can mean the difference between death and a chance to survive.

Need a reminder? Last year's tragic fire death in nearby Oxford PA provides a stark example of how important this topic can be. The real dangers of fires in homes during sleeping hours really hit close to home.

A stark video released by the Close Your Doors campaign provides a great way to share this important safety information with your family, friends and loved ones. The video demonstrates the difference a closed door can make in real fire conditions. It is real, and a powerful way to show why this is so important.

The West Grove Fire Company recommends all families schedule a time to watch this video together. Add this important #CloseBeforeYouDoze message to your emergency planning sessions, and help adults and children understand why closed bedroom doors are so important.

To watch the video, visit YouTube.com and search for 'See the Dramatic Difference a Door Can Make' by ULfirefightersafety.



Volunteers Welcome!

The West Grove Fire Company is always looking for volunteers to join and serve our local community.

If you don't want to fight fire or respond on the ambulance, the WGFC still needs your help. Members are needed for fund raising, bookkeeping, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, staffing public fire safety events, and administrative tasks.

And, if you'd like to experience firefighting or emergency medical services, the WGFC provides training. So consider joining this organization and help serve the community, as the fire company has since 1904. With stations in West Grove, New London, and London Britain, all are welcome to apply for membership on the fire company's website at: <http://www.wgfc.org/content/join/>

One added benefit: for active WGFC members who live in Penn Township, the supervisors have provided a program that provides a tax credit program as an incentive for volunteering for the fire company.

What is EMS?



We Know to Call 911, What Do They Really Do?

EMS is the acronym for emergency medical services. This term refers to the medical professionals who respond to 911 calls. These professionals and volunteers treat and transport people in crisis health situations. Emergency medical responders encounter a wide variety of patients in life-threatening situations, from car accidents, to drownings, to incidents of cardiac arrest, stroke, overdose, trauma and mass casualty incidents. There are multiple levels of providers that can respond to an emergency. In Penn Township, it is the EMS team of EMT's from the West Grove Fire Company and the paramedics from Southern Chester County EMS-MEDIC 94

EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) There are many requirements to be an EMT. An EMT basic is the initial level of EMT training, but it allows the practitioner to do important lifesaving functions, such as stop the bleed, treating burns, performing CPR and stabilizing spine and neck fractures and broken bones. Becoming an EMT Basic requires specialized training in basic life support (BLS), which includes approximately 200 hours of training. In Penn Township the EMT's arrive in the ambulance from the West Grove Fire Company and depending on the level of the 911 call may have a paramedic arrive with them to care for the patient.

What do Paramedics do? EMT-P Paramedics provide advanced life support (ALS) training. Paramedic training involves rigorous schooling of over 1500 hours and takes about a year to complete. A paramedic's scope of treatment includes performing lifesaving procedures, such as endotracheal intubation and IV support, as well as the BLS functions performed by a basic EMT. Your Penn Township paramedics and advanced life support is provided by Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, MEDIC 94.

When you call 9-1-1 in Chester County, the dispatcher will send the appropriate level of service to your emergency. You will always receive an ambulance on every call. If the call is life-threatening, paramedics will also be dispatched. On scene, the EMT's and paramedics work together assessing the patient medical and together care and transport you to the most appropriate hospital for your care.

Also part of your EMS system are professionals from the Chester County 9-1-1 center, law enforcement, the fire department. A strong team serving the community and saving lives.

Community Education and Prevention Both West Grove Fire Company and MEDIC 94 offer community education and outreach. We are just not here for when you call 911. You may hear your child come home and talk about the fire fighter at school that showed them what to do in an emergency or have taken a CPR course provided by the paramedics.

Look for additional education and outreach opportunities on the Penn Township Website that these organizations provided throughout the year. To include: Car Seat Checks, Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleed, CPR Healthcare Certification Classes, Babysitter Certification and Camp Mini-Medic.

www.pentownship.us or call the office at 610-869-9620 and ask about the current events

Winter Preparedness

Before long, winter will set in.

Here are some tips about snow removal in Penn Township.

1. Penn Township plows township dedicated roads with the exception of the neighborhoods of Penn Ridge, Ovations, and Elk Creek which are plowed by Penn Township contractors. Privately owned roads are the responsibility of the owner, developer, or homeowner's associations.

2. PennDOT owns and plows Baltimore Pike, Corby Road, Jenneville Road (Route 796), Newark Road (Route 896), and Route 1.

3. Please be reminded it is prohibited to park vehicles (or dumpsters) on township roads, anytime, but especially during snow storms.



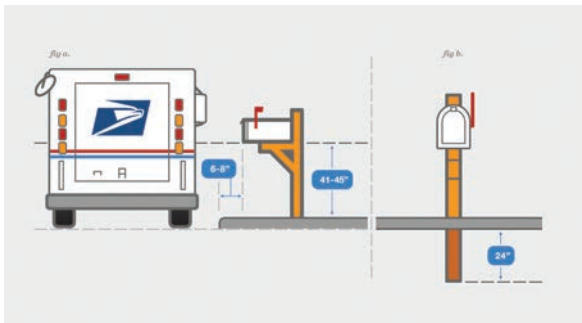
4. Please ensure that your mailbox is properly placed in accordance with USPS regulations.

5. When clearing sidewalks or driveways, please do not throw or plow snow into the street. Place snow on your property to the side of your driveway or sidewalk.

6. Please use only road salt and not chemicals to treat driveways and sidewalks. Snow melt drains to stream.

7. Please clear fire hydrants so they are visible in case of emergency.

8. Please keep children and pets clear of snow plows.



Here are some helpful **guidelines** to follow when installing your **mailbox**: Position your **mailbox** 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the **mailbox** or point of mail entry. Place your **mailbox** 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

From Zoning to Building, First Get the Facts

Among the most frequent inquiries to the township office are questions regarding building permits. Failing to obtain the appropriate permit can result in fines and the township may mandate that a structure or improvement be removed.

Why Do I Need A Permit?

Approximately 10 years ago, the State of Pennsylvania mandated all municipalities adopt a Building Code known as the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). The UCC provides specific requirements and exemptions for building projects.

Before any construction, repair, renovation, or addition is started, it's important to contact the office to determine if a permit must be obtained. Permits are put in place for the safety of the homeowner, and they ensure that proper codes are being followed and work is being done safely and in compliance with the UCC. If you are ever uncertain whether or not you need a permit, call the township.

Permit Process Checklist

- Property owners will decide on a contractor, and together they will come up with plans to be submitted along with the permit application.
- Obtain the proper application forms from the township website or the office. The property owner and contractor will complete the applications together. Applications must be turned into the office along with two (2) sets of clear construction drawings, two (2) plot plans, two (2) copies of all applications, proof of workman's compensation insurance and accompanying.
- The applications will be turned into the office, and office personnel will turn applications into the appropriate officer (residential or commercial) for review. Once the office staff receives the approved permit back from the code officers, they will contact the applicant to pick up the permit and pay for accompanying fees.
- Once the fees are paid and the permit is picked up, work may begin. Permit is valid for one (1) year from the time work begins.
- When work is completed, applicant must contact the correct inspector for final inspections.

Road Occupancy Permit

This permit is required for any work that will affect township roads. Please inquire for more information.

Residential Zoning/Building Inspection

Scott Moran 610-637-1003

scottmoran@zoominternet.net

Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Zoning/Building Inspection

Tom Lowry 610-692-9232

Love your Dog, License your Dog

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.

An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

Dog licenses are available at the Chester County Treasurers Office and other licensing agents.



2020 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

www.chestercountyswa.org

RESIDENTIAL ONLY • BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

All events start at **9:00 AM** and close at **3:00 PM SHARP**

Saturday, April 4, 2020

CENTER for ARTS & TECHNOLOGY - Pickering Campus (Technical College High School)
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 18, 2020

OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL - 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

(Proof of Residency May Be Required)

Saturday, May 9, 2020

OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL - 881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

Friday, June 19, 2020

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER - 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
(Stone wall entrance-Veteran's Drive-Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

Saturday, August 29, 2020

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMIN BLDG. - 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

(Proof of Residency May Be Required)

Saturday, October 10, 2020

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER - 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs. / No Metal Drums / No Freon Appliances
PLEASE TAKE YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO RECYCLE AT THE CURB OR LOCAL DROP OFF



United States
**Census
2020**

Census 2020 – Census Day is April 1, 2020 – Everyone Counts!

The United States Census is a national survey conducted every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau to count the population. 2020 is a Census year!

The census counts people. All people, babies to the elderly, homeless, college students, everyone counts! Census data is used to distribute more than \$900B to fund public services, including education, health care and public spaces.

Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. Babies and children under 5 years old must be counted. Count children who live and sleep at your home most of the time. Include your newborn baby in your census form, even if he or she is still in the hospital on April 1. College students will be counted at their dorm address. Anyone in a detention facility on April 1, 2020 will be counted at the facility where they are incarcerated. People experiencing homelessness will be counted at places where they receive services, such as shelters and meal centers. They can be counted at transitory locations (hotels, motels, campgrounds) using a paper form. Group quarters counting will begin in February 2020.

Federal funds, grants, and support to communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, and race, among other factors. Penn Township has a very active and successful grant program, so the Supervisors are hopeful that every resident in Penn participates. The data is also used for research and to analyze and predict trends. This has a direct influence where businesses decide to open, impacting the local economy and job creation.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. This is a reference date for responses to the census. This means that, by April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation via U.S. mail to participate in the census. People can respond via the internet, phone, paper form, or in person. You can respond to the census online or by phone in 12 non-English languages: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese. The 2020 Census will have only nine questions. A question related to citizenship status WILL NOT BE ADDED to the 2020 Census. If you do not answer all the questions, your form can still be submitted. However, an enumerator may come to your house to collect the missing information.

It is important to note that your information is protected by the United States Constitution. Census responses cannot be used against any person by any government agency or court. In fact, Census Bureau workers take a lifetime oath of non-disclosure that protects your answers. The U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, money, donations, or bank and credit card numbers. The U.S. Census Bureau will never send an invitation to complete the census via email. The U.S. Census Bureau workers will have badges and briefcases indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau. A U.S. Census Bureau worker will never ask you to step out of your home.

Everyone counts. Learn more at 2020Census.gov and www.chesco.org/planning/cccc.

Vote 2020

As everyone knows, 2020 is a big election year with U.S. President, Vice President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Representative, local Democratic and Republican committee all on the ballot.

Pennsylvania's Primary Election is on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, April 13, 2020. You can register to vote or check your voter registration status at www.votespa.com. Questions? Call Chester County Voter Services at 610-344-6410.

Pennsylvania's General Election is on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, October 19, 2020.

Penn Township registered voters vote at the Penn Township Building at 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA in the Finnen Community Room.



Penn Township Tax Information

The Township Office receives many inquiries regarding taxes. The following is a guide to what taxes are charged, when you can expect a bill, and what entity is the collector.

Earned Income Tax (EIT) is assessed at a rate of .5 percent. Any wage earner who lives in or works in Penn Township owes this tax. Usually, employers withhold this tax from a wage earner's paycheck. Whether it is withheld or not, the tax is owed and a local tax form must be filed.

Local Services Tax (LST) is \$52.00 per year and is usually withheld by the employer. This tax supports municipal and emergency services. There is a low income exemption for people earning less than \$12,000. This exemption requires the submission of a form.

Penn Township Real Estate Tax is .53 mills. Tax bills are sent in February.

Chester County Real Estate Tax is 4.369 mills. They are sent on Jan. 15 of each year.

Avon Grove School District taxes are sent on July

1 of each year. As of 2018, Avon Grove School District taxes are collected through Keystone Collections. 2020 Avon Grove School District taxes are 31.61 mills.

Both Avon Grove School District and Penn Township real estate transfer taxes are each .5 percent.

EIT, LST, and Avon Grove School District taxes are all collected by Keystone Collections.

Keystone Collections Group
546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642
724-978-0300

www.keystonecollects.com

Chester County Real Estate and Penn Township Real Estate taxes are collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office.

Chester County Treasurer
313 W. Market St, West Chester, PA
610-344-6370
www.chesco.org

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Show your support for the Medic 94/SCEMS annual fund drive! Medic 94 provides 24/7 advanced life support 365 days of the year in partnership with your local fire company. They are a vital part of southern Chester County emergency services and imperative to the community as they work hard to educate and inform.

Donations can be made online at www.sccems.org.



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