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From the Manager's Desk



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday

8:30 AM — 4:30 PM

Closed Weekends & Holidays

On June 1st the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations took effect in Carroll Township requiring both commercial and residential construction to meet the Statewide uniform building codes. The UCC covers new construction, additions, alterations, renovations and repairs. Construction contractors, design professionals, and building owners will be required to design and construct buildings to meet the requirements of the UCC. **ALL CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES A ZONING PERMIT** through the Township; however there are exclusions from a building permit for specific types of buildings:

- Agricultural buildings that are utilized to store farm implements, hay, feed, grain or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock or other farm animals.
- The following structures that are less than 500 square feet and is accessory to a detached one-family dwelling:
 1. Carports
 2. Detached private garages
 3. Greenhouses
 4. Sheds
- Manufactured Housing shipped from the factory that bears a label that certifies it conforms to the Federal construction and safety standards.

The intent of the UCC is to provide standards for the protection of life, health, property and environment and for the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public and the owners and occupants of buildings and structures. Carroll Township has appointed The ARRO Group as our third party inspectors. Zoning and Building permit applications and fees can be downloaded from the Carroll Township website or picked up from the office during regular business hours.

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Trash Collection

Waste Management, the contracted waste hauler, provides trash collection for Carroll Township. The scheduled pick-up day is Monday. Trash service consists of the weekly pick-up of household garbage and recycling, one bulk item per week and Christmas tree pick-up. **Trash Limits** – Household Waste - limited to (4) 32 gallon bags or cans per week, not heavier than 50 lbs. each. Extra trash bags (for over the 4 bag limit) are available through Waste Management.

With the nice weather here, many people will be spring cleaning. This may leave you with large items that need disposed of. One Bulk item per week that can be lifted by two men will be picked up on your regular pickup day. Appliances containing Freon (CFC) must be pre-scheduled by calling Waste Management at 1-800-255-8479. For safety purposes, doors to appliances must be removed. Please refer to the lists below of acceptable and non-acceptable bulk items.

Acceptable Items:

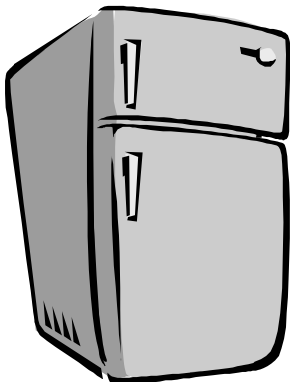
Sofas	Desks
Chairs	Tables
Box Springs	Mattresses
Automobile tires off the rim (1 per week)	
Dishwashers	Microwaves
Hot Water Tanks	Washer / Dryer

Small Quantities of misc. items (toys, books, and misc.) confined to a single bag or can. Cardboard boxes are unacceptable as waste containers. Cardboard must be broken down and tied with string/twine to be accepted.

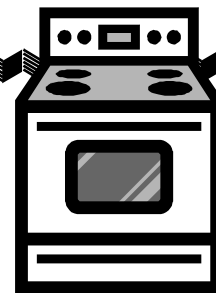
Similar items that can be loaded into the back of the truck by two workers.

NON-Acceptable Items:

- Household hazardous wastes
- Solvents / Chemicals / Propane Tanks
- Batteries / Herbicides / Pesticides
- No tree stumps, firewood, and similar yard waste
- No loose piles
- No construction/building materials (wood, drywall, shingles, paneling, ceiling tiles, ceramic tile, rocks, stones, concrete, dirt, and similar)
- No municipal solid waste beyond your 4 bag limit weekly.



Always put your trash, bulk item & recycle items at curbside the evening before your scheduled pickup day.



If a holiday falls on or before your scheduled pickup day, service will be delayed by one day. **Waste Management observes the following Holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas.**

A Message from your Tax Collector



County and Township Per Capita and Real Estate taxes were mailed February 14, 2004. If you have not received your tax notices, please call me.

You may also check to see if your tax payment from your escrow company was received at my office. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a copy of your bill and I will receipt it and send it back to you.

Per Capita Exonerations have to be filled out each year for Township and School. Please send them in as soon as possible so they can be approved by the Township Supervisors.

School Tax Notices will be sent out by July 15, 2004. Please call if for any reason you do not receive yours.

I would like to be available when you have questions so leave a message and a toll free number and I will return your call. Also there is a mail slot in the tax office door for your convenience. You may use it anytime.

Thank you and have a nice summer!

For your information:

2003 Pennsylvania Property Tax and Rent Rebate Forms are available through my office or request forms at:

PA Department of Revenue
Tax Forms Service Unit
711 Gibson Blvd.
Harrisburg, PA 17104-3200

You may also call for information or request forms at 1-888-222-9190.

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate Forms must be submitted by June 30, 2004.

Tax Office is Open the

Second Monday of each Month 6:00—8:00 PM
Open Tuesdays 12—2 PM by appointment

Madeline Harbold
523 S. Baltimore Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019
432-4711

Roadmaster's Comments Why Oil & Chip?



It is messy. Oil gets on your car and loose stones in your yard. Why do most townships around here do this year after year? There is a simple answer to this. It is inexpensive and it works. Using our own work force, the Township can oil and chip seal one mile of road 18 feet wide for approximately \$5,000. To apply a 1" thick layer of asphalt on the same road would cost over \$20,000. We have 36 miles of road to maintain. We could not afford to pave them all in the next 5 years.

What does oil and chip give you for your money? For one, it gives you time. Oil and chipping saves a road and gives us a few more years before we need to overlay it.

Here is how it works: The oil seals the road and keeps water from getting under the road into the base. This prevents damage that the water causes during freeze/thaw periods. The stones give you a firmer surface to drive on with an increased amount of friction between your tires and the road. After the first few days, the mess is gone and we have a better road at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

The Township has a five-year program that allows for certain roads to be overlaid on a priority basis. It also allows for a certain number of roads to be oiled and chipped to preserve them until a time when they will receive an overlay.

Northern York Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan - Focus Group Workshop

The purpose of the Focus Group Workshop meetings were two fold, first, to provide an overview of the Recreation, Parks and Open Space Planning process; and second, to solicit input as to how citizens view issues related to recreation, parks and open space in the Northern York region. The format of the workshop involved an initial presentation by the consultant team, Land Logics Group followed by small group work sessions to gain feedback on how best to meet current and futures needs for recreation, parks and open space.

Workshop participants recognize the value in the variety of recreational resources both public and private that the region has to offer. They value the open space and scenic views that characterize the areas surrounding the existing recreation facilities. They appreciate the overall involvement of individuals and groups in the community for accomplishing what's in place right now but also recognize that more community and municipal involvement will be absolutely necessary to go the next steps, to make this a better place to live. Their concern for the recreation future of the region is supported by issues related to the loss of an outdoor swimming pool facility, the lack of a coordinating entity to oversee and facilitate recreation development, and the lack of support and or cooperation among some of the municipalities. Their ideas suggest that improvements to municipal relationships would go a long way to improve community involvement, enhance recreation development and protect important open space.

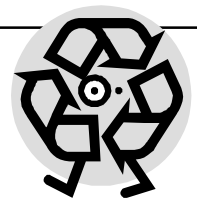


Where do we go from here?

In order to achieve future success, the recreation plan process will need to continue to maintain public and municipal involvement; identify funding opportunities and produce a plan that is adoptable. All the focus group comments and ideas will be carried forward in the next phases of the planning process. These ideas will help to shape the statement of community goals and objectives and be addressed during the development of strategies with the community study committee and compiled into the policy and action plans.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

More than 170 households participated in the York County Solid Waste Authority's spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program held May 1 at the Windsor Township Municipal Building. The program collected 9.5 tons of household hazardous waste.



The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 9AM to 1PM at the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority's Management Center located at 2700 Blackbridge Road in Manchester Township.

For more information call (714) 845-1066 or visit www.ycswa.com.

YOU CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Reduce the Risk at Home

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can, in rare instances, cause encephalitis, a brain inflammation.

Mosquitoes acquire the disease and spread the virus after they feed on infected birds and then bite people, other birds, and animals. It is *not* spread by person-to-person contact and there is no evidence that people can get the virus by handling infected animals.

Mosquitoes need water to breed. You can help by eliminating standing water around your home.

Clean your Yard NOW!

Get rid of anything that collects water:

- Old tires
- Tin cans
- Buckets and Watering Cans
- Flowerpots



Patrol the area after **every** rain!

Keep puddles from forming:

- Fill in ruts or low lying areas
- Repair leaky pipes/outdoor faucets
- Clear drains and gutters of debris
- Eliminate low spots that may collect water on pool covers, grill covers, and tarps

Stop stagnant water:

Change/Empty the water in bird baths and kiddie pools

Cover trash containers/recycle bins

Empty drip trays of planters

Fill in tree holes/stumps with sand

And don't forget to:

Store wheelbarrows upside down

Dead Bird Sightings

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is coordinating the collection of dead bird specimens for possible testing.

Species of Interest:

Crows

Blue Jays

Birds of Prey: Owls, Hawks, Eagles

Should you find a dead bird, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health at **1-877-PA-HEALTH**

Protecting Your Horses

Horses, like humans, are susceptible to West Nile Virus. There is a vaccine available. Please contact your veterinarian for more information.

Home Products: Bti

Bti is a naturally occurring bacterium that is used to kill mosquito larvae. This material is now becoming widely available for you to buy and use at home.

Bti can be purchased in small, donut-shaped form, often called "mosquito dunks", which are useful in small areas of standing water, such as a birdbath or small puddles of water that may gather in a low spot on your property.

A granular form of Bti is available, and effective for larger areas, such as backyard ponds.

Bti can be purchased in many lawn and garden, outdoor supply, and home improvement stores. Bti is safe to use and kills only mosquito and black fly larvae. It is not harmful to people, pets, aquatic life (such as fish) or plants. **Follow label directions carefully!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.WestNile.state.pa.us



When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively the draining water is called storm water runoff.

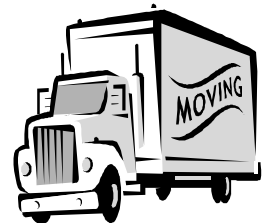
Why is Storm Water “Good Rain Gone Wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated.



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites, and viruses to our water.

Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can runoff into the storm water drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

What Happens When It Rains?

Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

- Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces instead of soaking into the ground
- Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris
- Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.
- More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into out drinking water supplies.
- Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.



Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation and healthy wild-life habitants. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the more important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paints—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

Outdoor Burning Ordinance

1993-93

No fire shall be permitted to burn between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7:00 am. All fires shall be extinguished completely by 9:00 pm. The burning shall be attended at all times by a responsible individual. No fire shall be permitted closer than fifty (50') feet from any structure located on the property of the person conducting the fire, and no closer than seventy-five (75') feet from any structure located on the land of another. Tires and hazardous and toxic materials or byproducts shall not be burned. Garbage and trash shall only be burned in a non-combustible container which is covered by screen or wire mesh. Burning is prohibited on smaller lots of one-third (1/3) acre or less. From time to time a burn ban may be put into effect due to drought conditions. The burn bans are posted on the web page, the cable channel 95, and advertised in the Dillsburg Banner.

Weed & Vegetation Ordinance

2003-150

Vegetation growing to a height exceeding twelve (12) inches on any lot or tract of ground in Carroll Township is declared to be a nuisance detrimental to the health, safety, welfare and comfort of the residents of Carroll Township. The word vegetation shall mean, but not be limited to grass, weeds, vines and similar growths, jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur, chicory and those weeds defined and appearing on the noxious weed control list as defined under the Noxious Weed Control Law. Vegetation may be considered a nuisance if it throws off any unpleasant or noxious odors, conceals any filthy deposit, produces pollen or is not planted for some useful, ornamental or agricultural purpose. All vegetation on any premises growing to a height exceeding twelve (12) inches shall be cut by the person, owner, lessee or other individual having a present interest in the said real estate. Failure to comply herewith shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.



Nuisance Ordinance

2003-151

The following are declared to be nuisances when it is established that such activities or conditions are contrary to the health and welfare of the people of Carroll Township.

- A. Accumulations of garbage, rubbish and/or trash on private or public property.
- B. Storage of abandoned or junked vehicle(s) on private or public property.
- C. The carrying-on of any offensive manufacture or business.
- D. Maintaining or permitting the existence of any vegetation matter on or near any public thoroughfare which hinders or obscures the view of motorists of any road, thoroughfare, traffic device or sign.
- E. Maintaining or permitting the existence of any dangerous structure on public or private grounds.
- F. Any other activity or condition conducted or existing on public or private property which in law and in fact constitutes a public nuisance.

Copies of the above Ordinances are available at the Township Office.

Guidelines For Selecting A Reputable Contractor

If you're thinking of building or remodeling, selecting a contractor is the most important decision you will need to make. Here are some guidelines to follow in making your selection.

- ◆ Take your time. Most problems occur when consumers fail to investigate contractors carefully before hiring them.
- ◆ Ask for insurance certificates that verify the contractor has workers' compensation and adequate liability insurance.
- ◆ Ask someone who has had work done by the contractor about the contractor's capabilities and quality of workmanship.
- ◆ Ask to see the contractor's work. Check for yourself the quality of work and design.
- ◆ Make sure the contractor has a permanent business location and a good reputation with local banks and suppliers.
- ◆ Incorporate any warranties, guarantees or other promises in your written contract. Always insist on written change orders.
- ◆ Be specific about starting and completion dates. Some delays are unavoidable and beyond the contractor's control.
- ◆ Be wary of an unusually low bid or low advertised price. If a contractor cannot pay for labor, materials and overhead, you are both in trouble.
- ◆ Select a contractor you are comfortable with - one who understands your tastes and needs and with whom you can communicate well.
- ◆ Make sure all bids are based on the same set of plans and specifications. Discuss the bids in detail with the contractor to make sure you understand the reasons for any variations in price.



The Contract

- ◆ Put all agreements in writing including oral promises. Spell out exactly what the contractor will and will not do. If you intend to do some of the work yourself or hire another contractor to do it, write this into the contract as well.
- ◆ Never sign a blank or partially blank contract, and read it carefully before you sign. Get a copy of the contract as soon as you sign it and keep it for your records.
- ◆ Be sure the financial terms of the contract are clear. The contract should include the total price, when payments will be made, and whether there is a cancellation penalty.
- ◆ On any home improvement job, you should expect to make a down-payment representing approximately one-third of the total contract price. Except for the down-payment, you should avoid making payments for work that has not yet been completed.
- ◆ When you sign a home improvement contract in your home and in the presence of the contractor or contractor's representative, you usually have three working days to change your mind and cancel the contract. The contractor must inform you about your cancellation rights orally and in writing and provide the forms to use for canceling.
- ◆ The contract should specify all materials to be used, such as the quality, quantity, weight, color, size, or brand name as it may apply.
- ◆ If a warranty is offered, get it in writing and read it carefully. The contract should specify an approximate starting date and completion date for your project. However, understand that delays can occur due to weather conditions or the availability of supplies.



Remember...

A good remodeler can save you time, wasted effort, materials, and money. And, a well-done remodeling project can substantially increase the value of your property. When considering a remodeling project, make sure you hire a reputable contractor.

Township Officials & Personnel

Supervisors:

Robert Schopfer—Chairman
Calvin Hipp—Vice-Chairman
Jere Rutherford
Jeffrey Murphy
Kevin Zinn

Planning Commission:

Scott Perry—Chairman
Perry Bates—Vice-Chairman
Robert Faulkner
Edmund Andrews
Roy Fuss
Alexis Hilbish
Donald Bowers

Zoning Hearing Board:

Mark McCurdy—Chairman
Robert Decker
Charles Grow

Logan Park Authority:

Hugh McKinney—Chairman
James Hess
Terri Zimmermann
Joyce Heintzelman
Robert Ingham

Auditors:

Janet Gore

Tax Collector:

Madeline Harbold

Engineer:

Mark Hilson, Arro Group Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Gilbert Picarelli, KPI Technology

Solicitor:

James D. Bogar, Law Offices

Zoning Officer:

Faye Romberger

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Robert Kauffman

Office:

Dianne Price, Manager
Faye Romberger, Secretary/Treasurer
Josephine Patton, Admin. Asst.

Roads:

Robert Noss, Roadmaster
Paul King
Bruce Patton

Police Department:

John Francis, Chief
Keith Miller, Sergeant
Gene Baptisti, Records Officer

Police Officers:

David Smith	Ben Martin
John Schreiner, Jr.	Richard Hershberger
Thomas Wargo	Pietro Picciurro
Thomas Kibler	Terry Williams
Ronald Stiles	

**The Township Office
will be closed on:**

May 31.....	Memorial Day
July 5.....	Independence Day
September 6.....	Labor Day
November 2.....	General Election
November 25 & 26.....	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24.....	Christmas Holiday

Township Committees

The following are Carroll Township Committees and the Supervisor that heads each committee.

1. Recreation — Supervisor Rutherford
2. Personnel — Supervisor Hipp
3. Roads & Building — Supervisor Rutherford
4. Planning — Supervisor Murphy
5. Police — Supervisor Zinn
6. Financial — Supervisor Zinn
7. Emergency Services — Supervisor Schopfer

Volunteers are needed on the Recreation Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call the township office.

**A volunteer is needed to operate the video equipment during the public meetings.
If you are interested, please call the township office.**

The Board of Supervisors will be appointing an alternate member to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. The primary purpose of the Zoning Hearing Board is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the Zoning Ordinance by hearing appeals on the Zoning Officer’s decisions and by granting relief from the literal enforcement of the Ordinance in certain hardship situations. The Zoning Hearing Board meets by request only. Please call the township office for more information if you are interested in serving as an alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Public Meetings

Phone Numbers

Board of Supervisors	2nd Monday & 3rd Tuesday
Planning Commission	2nd Thursday
Logan Park Authority	3rd Wednesday
Zoning Hearing Board	By Request Only

Supervisor Meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

*All other meetings begin at 7:00 PM
at the Carroll Township Municipal Building.*

Meetings are held monthly.

Fire, Police & Ambulance Emergency....	911
Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	766-0249
Police Headquarters.....	432-3317
Twp. Office & Road Maintenance.....	432-4951
Tax Collector.....	432-4711
Sewage Enforcement Officer.....	(717) 339-0612
Township Engineer.....	(717) 560-6008
Dillsburg Area Authority.....	502-0431
Waste Management (Trash).....	1-800-255-8479
Animal Control.....	1-800-427-8347

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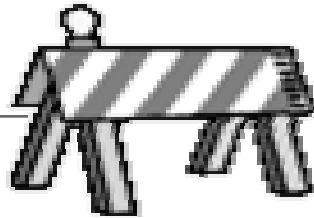
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POT HOLES

To report a pot hole or other roadway concern on a **Carroll Township Road** you can call the Township Office at **(717) 432-4951**.

For a **Pennsylvania State Highway**, you can call the PennDOT toll-free pothole hotline at **1-800-FIX ROAD (1-800-349-7623)**. Report the following **Pennsylvania State Highway** concerns by calling the PennDOT County Office at (717) 848-6230.

- Pothole patching
- Deer carcass removal (must be in state road right-of-way)
- Brush and tree removal (when obstructing site distance on state road)
- Shoulder and drainage concerns
- Signage issues
- Other maintenance needs
- Information about volunteer programs like Adopt-A-Highway
- Complaints and compliments

Route 15, Route 74, Mountain Road, Baltimore Street, Old York Road, Mumper Lane, Chestnut Grove Road, Harrisburg Pike, Williams Grove Road and W. Siddonsburg Road are State Roads.



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