

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

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East Cocalico Township is proud to announce the hiring of Mr. H. Scott Russell, PE to serve as the next Township Manager. He will start on April 17, 2017.

Mr. Russell is an experienced office manager and served as Director of Municipal Engineering at RETTEW Associates where he was responsible for over 40 full time and part time employees.

Mr. Russell has a strong background in Pennsylvania municipal government operations and the Second



H. SCOTT RUSSELL
East Cocalico
Township Manager

Class Township Code. He is an elected East Hempfield Township Supervisor, and is on his second 6-year term as Chairman. Mr. Russell also sits on the Township's Financial Committee, Public Works committee, MS4 Committee and Traf-

fic Commission overseeing a local Township Road System of 118 miles and 94 township employees.

In Mr. Russell's free time he serves as a Sunday school teacher for 5th and 6th graders at Hempfield United Methodist Church, and assists with Cub Scout Pack 37 as a Den Leader and Boy Scout Troop 349 as an Assistant Scout Master. He enjoys time with his family skiing, camping and doing other outdoor activities.

Welcome Scott!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Support your local Fire Company and volunteer today! The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs have launched a County wide volunteer recruitment campaign. Connect through Facebook "become a firefighter", or their website at www.BecomeaFirefighter.org, or call 888-914-JOIN.
- Reflective house numbers can be ordered through your local fire company. 
- 364 is the number of Christmas trees dropped off at the Township this past season. Thank you for recycling efforts. Recycling is a good habit to have!
- East Cocalico Twp. Police Dept. serves the Communities of East Cocalico Township and Denver Borough. 
- View this newsletter and others on-line for full color and working hyperlinks: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

POOL DAYS ARE UPON US

The opening day for the Reamstown Pool is Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29.

See pages 2 and 3 for more information.



Congratulations! Give yourself a hand

The 2015 recycling figures are in..., a total of **27,215.6** tons of residential and commercial grant eligible recyclable materials were collected in the Township, and have returned a grant in the amount of \$169,991.00! *Wow! This is great!*

In 2014 it was 25,620.2 tons in the amount of \$159,115.00.

The grant is used for the betterment of the Township.

Keep up the great recycling habits!

Thank you and congratulations on a job well done!

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Pool Dates

OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: May 27 - 29, 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

WEEKEND AFTER MEMORIAL DAY: June 3 - 4, 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

OPEN FOR SEASON: Thursday, June 8, 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

DAILY TIMES: Mon.-Sun., 12:30 to 8:00 p.m. with the exception of:

(1) Swim Meet Dates: Closes at 5pm: June 13, 20 & 27, July 13

(2) Friday Night Late Swims: Open until 10 p.m. June 23, July 7 & 21, Aug. 11

CLOSED DATES: Monday, August 28 - Friday, September 1

LABOR DAY WEEKEND: September 2nd through September 4th (12:30-8:00 pm)

LAST DAY OPEN FOR THE SEASON: Monday, September 4th, closes at 6:00 p.m.

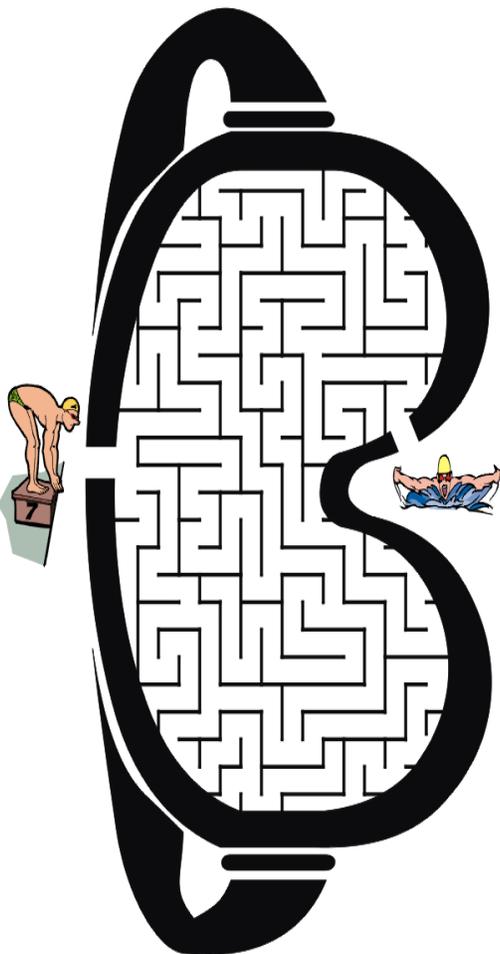
SEASON PASSES: Must be purchased at the pool office at least 15 min. before closing.

PHONE: (717) 336-3537 (only in operation during pool hours).

SWIM LESSONS: Please call the Adamstown YMCA at 484-4996 or 341-8258

Website: <http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org/locations/adamstown/>

SWIM TEAM: Registration is open. Sign up today! The practices and swim meets are held in the mornings at the Reamstown pool. For more information, please check the website www.ecdolphins.com, or e-mail Jamie Schneider at jamieschneider23@yahoo.com or call 717-669-7944.



not allowed in the pool

DO NOT THROW ANY SPORTS-RELATED BALLS IN THE POOL AREA. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POOL OFFICE ON WHAT IS ALLOWED.

Recreation Board News

On Saturday March 11, 2017 the Recreation Board toured parks located throughout East Cocalico Township. The purpose of the tour was to familiarize two newer members of the Board with existing and future park space development. Parks toured included: Carriage Hill, Fishing Creek, Old Homestead, Reamstown Pool, and Stoney Pointe. The Board observed that Stoney Pointe had been surveyed and staked for a walking trail. Construction of the trail should be starting this Spring.

Recreation Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm in the Municipal Township Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully Submitted, The Recreation Board

The Reamstown Pool will be open for the 2017 season starting with Memorial Day weekend. All memberships are to be paid at the Reamstown Pool office during regular hours and until 15 minutes before closing.

2017 POOL "DAILY" RATES		
TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS & <u>NON</u> -TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS	PER DAY	HALF PRICE AFTER 5PM
PRE-KINDERGARTEN (<i>up to 5 yrs.</i>)	\$4.00	\$2.00
STUDENT (<i>6 yrs. to 18 yrs.</i>)	\$7.00	\$3.50
ADULT (<i>19 yrs. to 59 yrs.</i>)	\$10.00	\$5.00
SENIOR (<i>+60 yrs.</i>)	\$7.00	\$3.50
GROUPS: <i>10 or more, one chaperone for every five children 10 yrs. of age and younger.</i>	\$4.00 (<i>per child</i>) \$6.00 (<i>per chaperone</i>)	

2017 POOL "SEASON PASS" RATES FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS		
	DISCOUNT RATE <i>(discount until June 14th)</i>	RATE <i>(June 15th and after)</i>
FAMILY* (<i>same address</i>)	\$170.00	\$185.00
STUDENT (<i>6 yrs. to 18 yrs.</i>)	\$75.00	\$80.00
ADULT (<i>19 yrs. to 59 yrs.</i>)	\$115.00	\$120.00
SENIOR (<i>+60 yrs.</i>)	\$75.00	\$80.00

2017 POOL "SEASON PASS" RATES FOR <u>NON</u> -TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS		
	DISCOUNT RATE <i>(discount until June 14th)</i>	RATE <i>(June 15th and after)</i>
FAMILY* (<i>same address</i>)	\$210.00	\$220.00
STUDENT (<i>6 yrs. to 18 yrs.</i>)	\$90.00	\$100.00
ADULT (<i>19 yrs. to 59 yrs.</i>)	\$130.00	\$140.00
SENIOR (<i>+60 yrs.</i>)	\$95.00	\$110.00

***FAMILY POOL PASS DEFINITION:** *This definition of a family is for the purposes of the Reamstown Community Swimming Pool membership and is no more than for two adults and their dependent children, who are permanently residing together as a single family and financial household unit within a residence that is their fixed and principal home. Dependents between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three must be full-time students and can show proof of residency at the residential address.*



WOODY WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY

WOODY WASTE

Located behind the Township building is the Woody Waste drop-off facility. Free to the Township residents.

**No grass!
No leaves!**

ALLOWED

WHO? East Cocalico Township residents only. No commercial dumping.

WHAT? Tree limbs, branches, and stumps less than 12" diameter.

WHERE? 100 Hill Rd, Denver, behind the municipal building.

WHEN? M-F: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

This is illegal dumping!

No commercial dumping.

No grass of any kind, leaves, furniture, clay pots, appliances, bricks, skids, treated and untreated wood, stumps larger than 12" dia., large trees, or any other trash.

Where to take items if they do not meet the Woody Waste Site's criteria: (1) your trash hauler, (2) Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority 717-397-9968, or (3) Martin's Mulch, 973 N. State St., 717-733-1602.



RECYCLE

PAPER AND CARDBOARD DROP-OFF



HOURS: M-F: 8:00am- 4:30pm. Sat: 8:00am-3:00pm. **Closed Sundays & Holidays.**

DEFINITIONS FOR THE PAPER DUMPSTER

ALLOWED

- Computer Paper
- Envelopes
- Index Cards
- Manila Folders
- Paper Copies
- Stationery
- Carbonless Paper
- Junk Mail
- Pamphlets
- Newspapers
- Magazines

NOT ALLOWED

- Laminated paper, posters, etc.
- Cereal boxes
- Popcorn boxes
- Shoe boxes
- Phone book covers, etc.

RECYCLED PAPER STATS

2016 = 17.49 tons
2015 = 20.55 tons

Placed behind the Township Building at 100 Hill Road, Denver (near the Woody Waste Site) are two large red dumpsters; one dumpster is for paper and the other dumpster is for corrugated cardboard. *Please see definitions.*

DEFINITIONS FOR CARDBOARD DUMPSTER

ALLOWED

- Corrugated cardboard
- flatten the boxes*

NOT ALLOWED

- Styrofoam
- Plastic
- Wood
- Cardboard with wax
- similar to chicken meat boxes*

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Curb Water Pollution Starting in Your Own Back Yard

Stormwater, rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast growing source of pollution that affects every watershed.

This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains. To cover the costs of managing stormwater's impact on the environment, some local governments have recently established programs that impose fees on property owners, who play a crucial role in limiting water pollution right in their own yards.

When you add up the combined efforts of thousands of individual homeowners, the cumulative improvement on stormwater runoff and water quality can be substantial... and it can be hard to find the right information to get started. Here are some lawn and garden tips to help manage stormwater and battle water pollution.

Starting with your own back yard - A "stormwater-friendly" lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams due to the over-application of chemicals. Likewise, a "stormwater-friendly" garden is one that uses organic compost as fertilizer to amend soil and minimizes or eliminates the use of chemicals.

Reducing chemical applications and encouraging infiltration will help stabilize local water flows and also maintain natural nutrient levels in streams. Stormwater-friendly lawns and gardens will help you save money on fertilizers and time on upkeep once they become established.

A stormwater-friendly lawn will not only help protect local streams and rivers but can result in direct and substantial cost savings to you, the homeowner:

- **Set mower height to 3 inches or higher.** Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and

produces a deeper, denser root system, which will absorb more water, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds. Deeper roots also have access to more water stored in the ground and can reduce the need for irrigation during droughts.

- **Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite.** A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. This technique can significantly reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers. Also, by spreading grass clippings on your lawn, you can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed.
- **Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains.** If mulching is not possible, bag the clippings and store them in a compost area where the organic material can be used as a fertilizer later. Blowing them onto a street or into storm drains deposits the clippings directly into local streams, where they decompose and become major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.
- **Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much?** Many lawns do not need fertilizer because they are already fertile or you have carried out the previously discussed practices. Using no fertilizer is ideal for the bay's health, but if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you should consider fertilizing it.
- A dense vegetated cover is the most "stormwater-friendly" lawn so take the following steps to determine if fertilizer is necessary for your property: 1) Test your soil or consult a local professional or certified applicator. 2) Maximize the slow-release nitro-

gen in your fertilizer. 3) Start with low amounts or fewer applications. 4) Apply only during the growing season and check the weather. 5) Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream and use riparian-specific herbicides, if necessary. 6) Sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn immediately.

A stormwater-friendly home garden can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides so here are some options:

- **Garden fertilizers:** Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. Also, be sure to apply organic fertilizers before planting to prevent runoff.
- **Pesticides: When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options.** Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem.

If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert because there are many nonchemical alternatives to controlling pests.

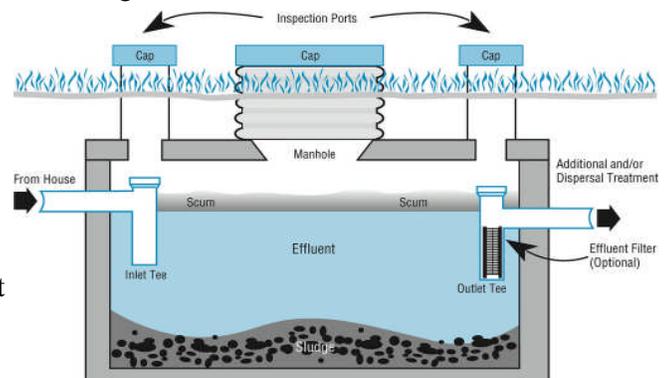
Pesticides can infiltrate the ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied incorrectly or unnecessarily.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of us work together to protect our water's quality.

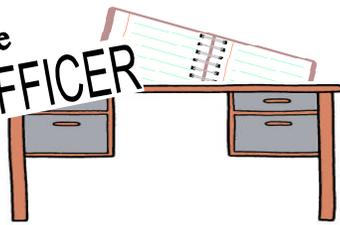
Sewage Enforcement Officer

The residents of the township that are connected to the Township

Sewer Authority lines probably don't think about the waste water that is discharged from their home or business as the waste water is being transported to a central treatment plant. Those homeowners who have their own treatment plant in the back yard need to look at waste water treatment differently. The septic tanks are the most important part of a treatment system. Septic tanks separate liquid from solids. The liquid is transported to the drainage field for disposal and the solids-sludge is retained in the septic tanks until such time the tanks are pumped. This is the main reason septic tanks need to be pumped. Studies have shown that best results happen when septic tanks are pumped on average of every three years. The Department of Environmental Protection requires the township to setup and maintain the septic tank pumping program.



from the desk of the
ZONING OFFICER



BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all construction projects as well as a fence, pond, or a change in the use of the property. Permits are not required for: sealing driveways, painting, wall-papering, new flooring, sidewalks, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs. Please call the Zoning Office at 336-1720 if you have any questions.

As of July 1, 2009, all contractors who perform home improvements totaling a cash value of \$5,000 or more per year need to register with the Attorney General's Office. The law requires written contracts between the contractor and consumer when the price of the project exceeds \$500.00. You can check if a contractor is registered by logging onto the Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.gov or by calling 1-888-520-6680. All contractors must display their official registration number on all contracts, estimates, proposals, and advertisements distributed within the Commonwealth.

BEFORE YOU DIG!

Whether you're laying the foundation of a building or just planting a tree, you must call to have the underground utility lines located before digging. By calling 1-800-242-1776 three working days before you start your project, all member facility owners in your work site area

will be notified of your plans and will mark their lines in the vicinity. It is the responsibility of the person who is digging to place the call. If you do not call and the underground utility lines are damaged, then you could be held for all losses and expenses.

BURNING

Open burning is **not** allowed in the Township.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

You may have up to four yard sales per year. No sale shall be conducted longer than three consecutive days. One four foot square sign is permitted for advertising the sale, posted on your property, and removed promptly upon completion. No sale shall be conducted in a street right-of-way. No signs shall be posted on telephone poles.

GRASS AND WEEDS

As per Ordinance 2001-08 grass and weeds in excess of six (6) inches in height shall be mowed on or before May 1, June 1, July 1, August 1, September 1, and October 1 of each calendar year. If found to be in violation, one notice will be sent. Thereafter, action will be taken by the District Justice for the violation without any further notices being mailed.

SWIMMING POOLS

Any pool over 24" deep requires a permit. Any pool over 36" deep, including soft-sided pools, without a four-foot barrier requires a fence or wall. Pools must be at least ten (10) feet from lot lines.

**DON'T
LEAVE
ANYTHING
BEHIND**



Taking your dog for a walk is a wonderful way to exercise! Your pet will enjoy it as much as you! Please be respectful when walking your dog. Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it. Properly disposing of the waste at home. East Cocalico Township Ordinance 2007-03 states fines can be imposed up to \$600.00 for dog waste left behind.

2017 ROAD PROJECTS

OVERLAY



Lausch Road (T963)
Reamstown Road (T700)



RALUMAC

Reamstown Road from Church Street to Ream Road
Bunker Hill Road from Rt. 272 to North Reamstown Road

OIL AND CHIP

Chestnut Hill Road (T852)
Kramer Mill Road (T876)
Pfeiffer Hill Road (T850)
Old Lancaster Pike (T402)



All parks in East Cocalico Township are closed after dark with the exception of prior permission for Special Events.

The parks are closed at dark for public safety and security reasons.



Any person found in the parks after dark can be charged with trespassing.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517
E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735
Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

2016 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year the East Cocalico Township Authority is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to provide our customers with the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the previous year. This report contains important information about the quality of the drinking water we supply to our customers. **Beginning July 1st** you can view the 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report by typing the following web address into your browser:



www.eastcocalicotownship.com/AUTHORITY/CCR2016.pdf

You can also view the 2016 report as well as reports from previous years by visiting the Authority website at www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and clicking on the “Annual Drinking Water Quality Report” link found on the left side of the page.

NEW WATER RATE IN EFFECT

The East Cocalico Township Authority Board approved a water rate increase from \$6.45 to \$6.85 per thousand gallons beginning with water usage on April 1, 2017. For customers billed on a quarterly basis, the new rate will first appear on the bill you receive in July of this year. A customer using 12,000 gallons of water every three months will see their quarterly bill increase by \$4.80. The last water rate increase was in April of 2013. There will be no change to the current sanitary sewer rate of \$12.10 per thousand gallons. The last increase in the sanitary sewer rate occurred eight years ago on March 1, 2009.

SWIMMING POOL REMINDER

Property owners with swimming pools are reminded that in keeping with the East Cocalico Township Authority’s Rates, Rules, and Regulations no relief is given from sanitary sewer charges for filling swimming pools or for any other domestic or residential use that does not involve sanitary sewer disposal. Also when draining your pool please remember that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prohibits the discharge of any pool water to a storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible. Property owners who discharge swimming pool water to any waters of the Commonwealth without a permit are in violation of the Clean Streams Law and may be prosecuted. The East Cocalico Township Authority encourages property owners to properly dispose of pool water and with prior notification will allow discharge to the public sanitary sewer system.



AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Authority is currently wrapping up design and permitting work associated with two large infrastructure projects. On the water side, the Authority will be replacing approximately 5,200 linear feet of 4 inch and 6 inch water main located in Stevens and Line Roads with a larger diameter 8 inch main. At the same time the Authority will also install a new 10” raw water main to allow connection of an Authority owned well off of Line Road with the water treatment plant near the Stevens Fire Company. Construction of the water project is expected to begin by early summer of this year. On the sanitary sewer side, the Authority is finalizing plans to upgrade the pumping capacity of the Stevens Pumping Station located along Line Road near the intersection of Wabash Road. This project is expected to begin closer to the end of this year. Updated information about both projects will be posted on the Authority’s website at www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com under “Authority Projects” as it becomes available.

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WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OFFICE 102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. **P:** 717-336-1731 **F:** 717-336-1735
W: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com **E:** water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

ZONING OFFICER Tony Luongo, 100 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 Hours: M-F 8am to 4:30pm 717-336-1720 *(call ahead)* **W:** www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning
(Please call ahead before stopping in or to schedule an appointment with the Zoning Officer) **E:** zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

TAXES Joan Fischer, 500 Mohns Hill Rd., Reinholds, 17569. During office hours call 717-336-1721. During non-office hours 717-484-4975.
 Mar. through Apr. Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10am to noon, and Fri. 8pm to 10pm, April 30th 8pm to 10pm **W:** www.eastcocalicotownship.com
 May through Feb. Hours: First Fri. of month 8pm to 10pm, and first Sat. of month 10am to 12 noon **E:** tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Road, Stevens, PA 17578 **P:** 717-336-3537 *(only in operation when the pool is open)*

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567 **P:** 336-3958 **W:** www.reastownfirecompany.com

SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-3311 **W:** www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-4200 **W:** www.stevensfire.net

MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP 7:30 PM	ZONING HEARING BOARD 7:30 PM	RECREATION BOARD 7:00 PM	AUTHORITY 7:00 PM
JANUARY	3*, 19	30	25	11	17	12
FEBRUARY	2, 16	27	22	8	21	9
MARCH	2**, 16	27	22	8	21	9
APRIL	6, 20	24	19	12	18	13
MAY	4, 18	22	17	10	16	11
JUNE	1***, 15	26	21	14	20	8
JULY	6, 20	31	26	12	18	13
AUGUST	3, 17	28	23	9	15	10
SEPTEMBER	7****, 21	25	20	13	19	14
OCTOBER	5, 19	30	25	11	17	12
NOVEMBER	2, 17	20	15	8	21	9
DECEMBER	7, 21	18	13	13	19	14

*January 3rd: Held on a Tuesday, Organization Mtg. **March 2nd: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Rd., Stevens. ***June 1st: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 W. Church St., Reamstown. ****September 7th: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver.

Thoughts, comments, suggestions are always welcome! Thank you! Lisa A. Kashner, Township Newsletter Editor

